

A record of a day trip using a “South Pennine Day Ranger” ticket. Recalling many of the things we learnt along the way using photographs from participants.

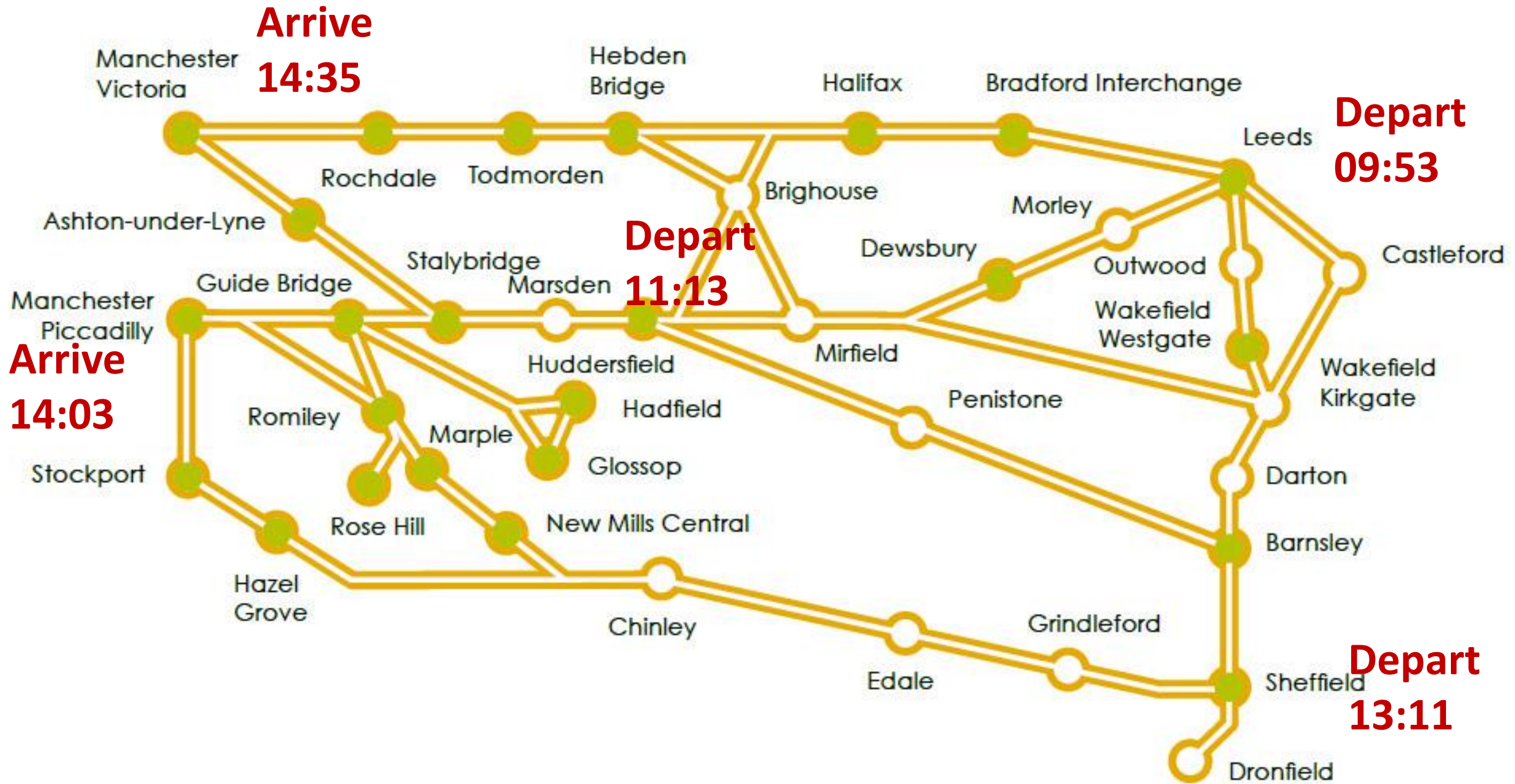
 **Join U3A Railway Group for a day trip on Thursday 29th June 2017** 

Where will we go?

To places we would not normally visit whilst living in Ilkley. The South Pennine Day Ranger ticket covers a wide area (see the map). We will use ours to travel along the Penistone Line from Huddersfield to Sheffield and then the Hope Valley Line from Sheffield to Manchester Piccadilly. Here we will take a Manchester Metrolink Tram to see the redevelopment of Manchester Victoria Station before getting the new direct service back to Leeds.

We will have the benefit of a commentary highlighting the many interesting features of our journey provided by members of the Railway Group and others using the U3A Tour Guide facility.

**Organised by Ilkley U3A Railway Group and promoted as part of
Ilkley U3A Summer School activities.**



9 set off from Ilkley at 09:10 with another 28 joining on route

Class: STD ANYTIME DAY R
Ticket type: ONE
Adult: NIL
Child: OUT
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From: ILKLEY *
Valid until: 29 JUN 17
Price: £5.60X
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Arriving in Leeds
but not on the
usual platform.

However this is an
opportunity to see
the largest piece
of street art in UK.





150 feet high & 36 feet wide.

An owl, alongside the moon and a crown was designed and drawn by a pair of artists known as Nomad Clan.

This 1960's office block was once criticised by John Betjeman saying it was only a testament to money and had no architectural merit.



Departing Leeds Station



**On 09:53 Trans Pennine Express to
Huddersfield**

A coffee & loo break at the Media Centre in Huddersfield. The group shelters from the rain under entrance canopy of The George Hotel



The George Hotel is a Grade II listed building. The 60 bed hotel built in 1851 and closed in January 2013. It was purchased by a local businessman for £900,000 with the aim of creating a boutique spa hotel of just 30 bedrooms. Nothing much seems to have progressed and now appears to be on the market for £3m.



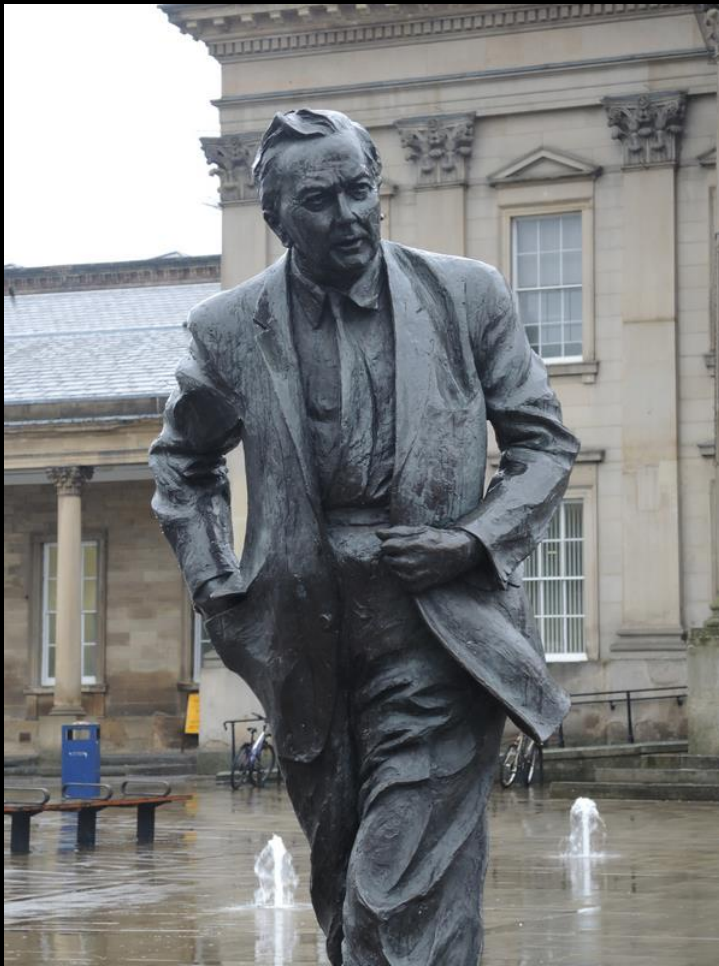
It was in the George Hotel, on 29th August 1895 that 21 Lancashire and Yorkshire rugby clubs held a meeting and by a majority of 20 to 1 voted to secede from the Rugby Football Union to set up their own Northern Rugby Football Union.

An early example of the North South divide. Here rugby was largely a working class game, whilst the south clubs were largely middle class. In 1892, charges of professionalism were laid against rugby football clubs in Bradford and Leeds after they compensated players for missing work.



(James) Harold Wilson

Born 11th March 1916
4 Warneford Road
Huddersfield



Tony Blair unveiled the statue in July 1999. The sculpture omitted the former PM's famous trademark - his pipe - at the request of his wife, Lady Wilson.

The 8ft bronze statue cost £70,000.

Baron Wilson of Rievaulx

Died 24th May 1995





Huddersfield Station opened 3rd August 1847.

Using the neo-classical style, the station is well known in architectural circles for its classical-style façade.

It is a grade I listed building. The station frontage was described by John Betjeman as the most splendid in England and by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as 'one of the best early railway stations in England'.





KING'S HEAD



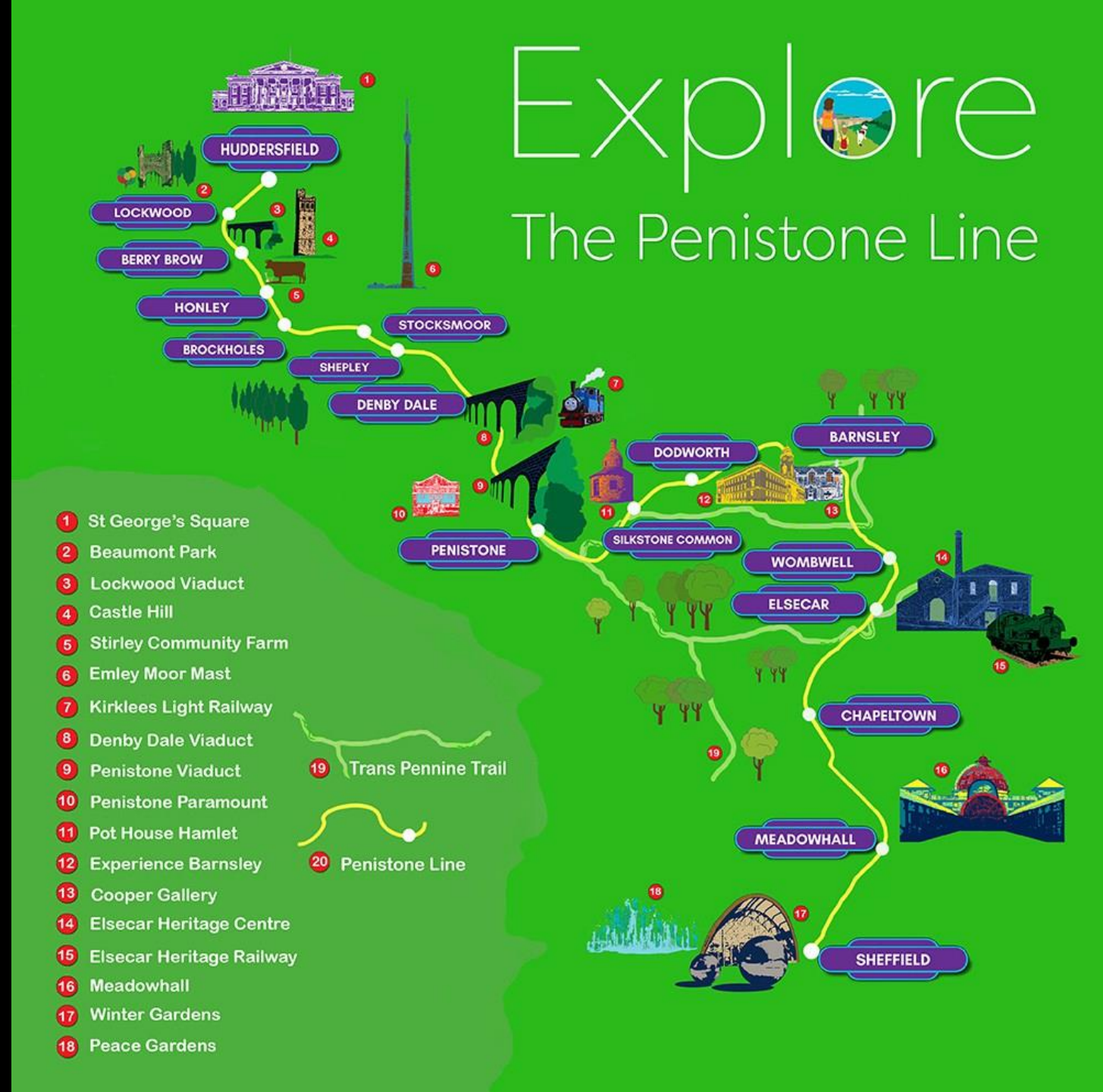




The station cat, Felix, joined the staff as a nine-week-old kitten in 2011. Since then she has patrolled the station to keep it free from rodents, and even has her own cat-flap to bypass the ticket barriers. In 2016 Felix was promoted to Senior Pest Controller and has her own hi-vis jacket and name badge. She has over 100,000 followers on Facebook

The first section of line between Huddersfield and Penistone was opened on 1 July 1850 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

At Penistone, the route joins the former Great Central Railway line from Manchester, travelling eastwards. It deviates from the former main line towards Sheffield Victoria at a point once known as Barnsley Junction. Beyond Barnsley it takes a circuitous route via Wombwell before going south to Sheffield





Robin provides expert commentary along the route



Alarm
In an emergency
pull the red handle
to stop the train

To open doors,
please wait
until it is
indicated

SAFETY

No smoking
No open flames
No alcohol
No pets

Customer Information

Please use the
seats provided for
the disabled



The guard listens in between other duties





The group arrives in Sheffield in time for lunch

We boarded a Trans Pennine Express service leaving Sheffield at 13:11 bound for Manchester Piccadilly. A busy train and no one took any photos!

The Hope Valley line was completed in 1894. From Sheffield, trains head down the Midland Main Line through the south west of the city to Dore and Topley, where the Hope Valley line branches off to run through the Topley Tunnel, the fourth-longest tunnel in England. It emerges in the Hope Valley area of Derbyshire, where it passes through Edale before entering the two-mile-long Cowburn Tunnel.

From the western portal of the tunnel, the line runs through Chinley, then splits. The northern branch runs via New Mills toward Manchester Piccadilly. The southern branch passes through the Disley Tunnel before merging with the Buxton line and then heading to Stockport to join the main line to Manchester.

On arrival at Manchester Piccadilly the Metrolink Tram takes us across the city to Victoria Station.



Metrolink celebrates its 25th anniversary in April 2017. Owned by Transport for Greater Manchester the system has tripled in size over the past six years, making Metrolink the largest tramway in the UK.



The next phase is to extend the system to the Trafford Shopping Centre. When the line is complete, the network will consist of 99 tram stops & 120 trams.





**The group arrives
at Manchester
Victoria looking
hopefully for our
guide**

The extended tram stop at Manchester Victoria Station under the new roof.



The redevelopment of the Metrolink Victoria stop has realigned the tram tracks into and through the station.



This provides increased capacity, necessary due to expansion of the network and creation of a second line crossing the city centre.



BRUNO MARS
LEON LEE
EMELI SANDÉ
SIA
COLDPLAY
REYONCE
MAROON 5
PHARRELL
ED SHEERAN
EZRA KID
GUETTA
BEYONCE
CALVIN HARRIS
BASTILLE
SUGABABES
TAYLOR SWIFT
OLLY MURPHY
JUSTIN BIEBER
ADELE
PALOMA FAIRIE
LIEKE MARTENS
DAFT PUNK
LITTLE MIX
KELLY ROWLAND

Metrolink

Metrobus →
Toilets →
Baby change →
Help out →

TRAPDOOR
LOOK BOTH
WAYS

LOOK
BOTH
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**A reminder of how
the trams and
Victoria Station
looked in 1992**





In 2009, Victoria was voted the worst interchange station in the United Kingdom. The station underwent a two-year £44 million modernisation program which was completed in August 2015.

Peter Jenkins, of the architects BDP responsible for the redevelopment of the station, was our expert guide.

Passenger numbers are expected to rise from 7.5 million to 12 million per year once the Ordsall Chord is completed in 2018.

This will link Victoria and Piccadilly stations allowing through trains to directly serve many more destinations and significantly increase the number of trains that can be timetabled throughout the whole region.





The project used computer modelling to improve the flow of people using the mainline railway, trams & 21,000 seat Manchester Arena, which shares the site.

Modernisation has been combined with conservation. Heritage features including the Edwardian neo-Baroque facade, WW1 memorial, tiled map of the L & Y Railway, the Victorian dome and the old ticketing hall were all preserved and restored.



The new roof consists of 15 1.2 metre-deep steel torus-shaped roof sections, the longest spanning 120 metres, supported on concrete buttresses & single cantilever columns on the concourse.



The roof is covered with ethylene tetrafluoroethylene (ETFE) panels designed to increase the amount of natural light in the concourse and be flexible in high winds.



The old station roof was supported by the station building at a lower level so, even though the old roof had no specific heritage value, it was decided to construct a zinc outline profile of the old roof onto the wall of the station building.



This zinc outline is illuminated by LED lighting at night to remind everyone what was there before. It seeks to enhance the new environment that has been created.



The original roof line is clearly visible.

Tiles contrast with rough brickwork above the original roof line.

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1st CLASS

REFRESHMENT ROOM

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BEER HOUSE

THE BEER HOUSE
BAR & KITCHEN

Traditional
PILSENER BEER

THE BEER HOUSE
BAR & KITCHEN

A before and after comparison





Inside the original restaurants.





The restored Victorian Dome contrasts with rather more basic restaurant tables and chairs.

THE HISTORY OF
MANCHESTER VICTORIA ST^M

1844

2015

THE BEER HOUSE OPENS

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The original ticket office has been retained.





OFFICES

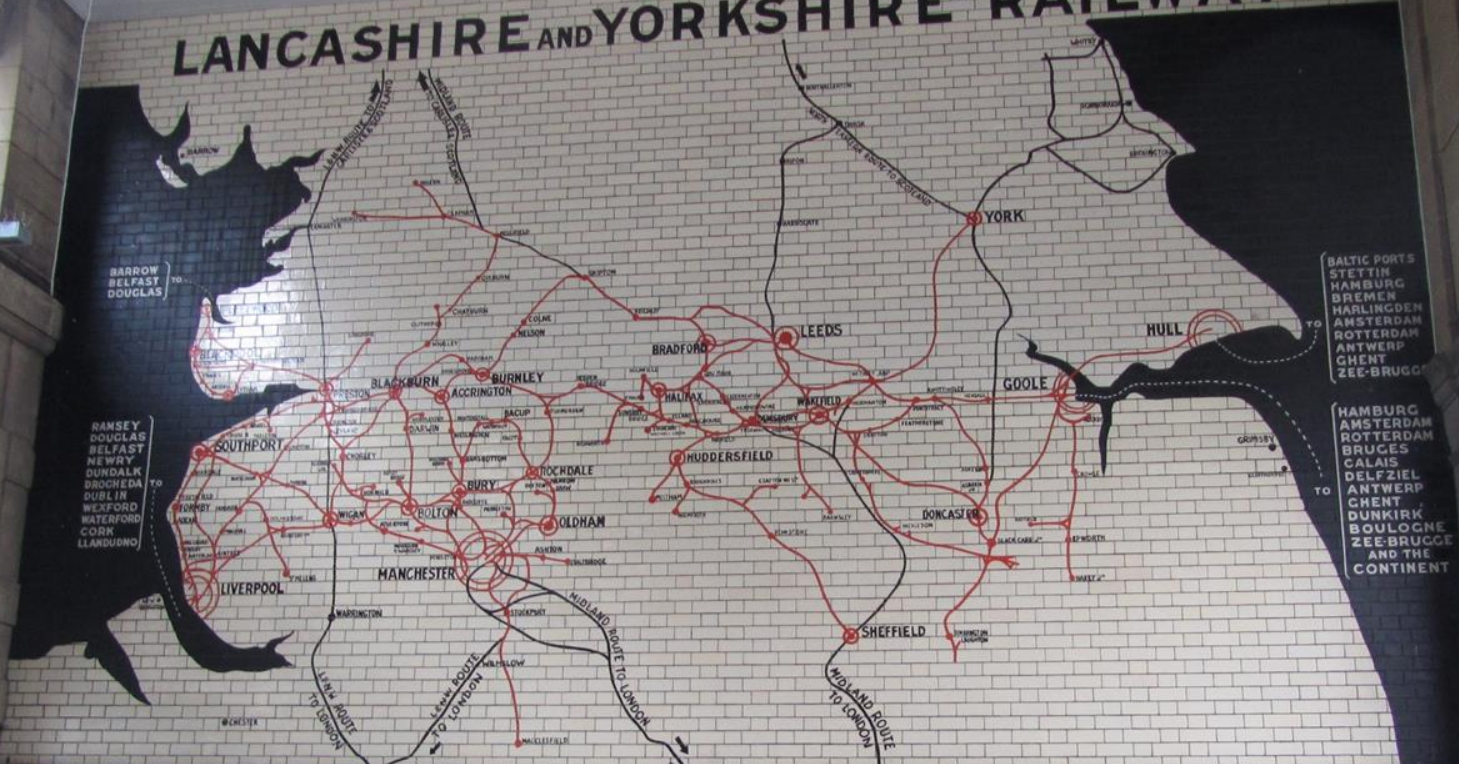
GENTLEMEN

JAVA
FRIBDO

M&S
MONEY SAVING
IN THE SHOP

JAVA
FRIBDO

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE RAILWAY



The L & Y route map with war memorial inscription underneath.





WILMINGTON RAILWAY
DEAT WAR, 1914-1919

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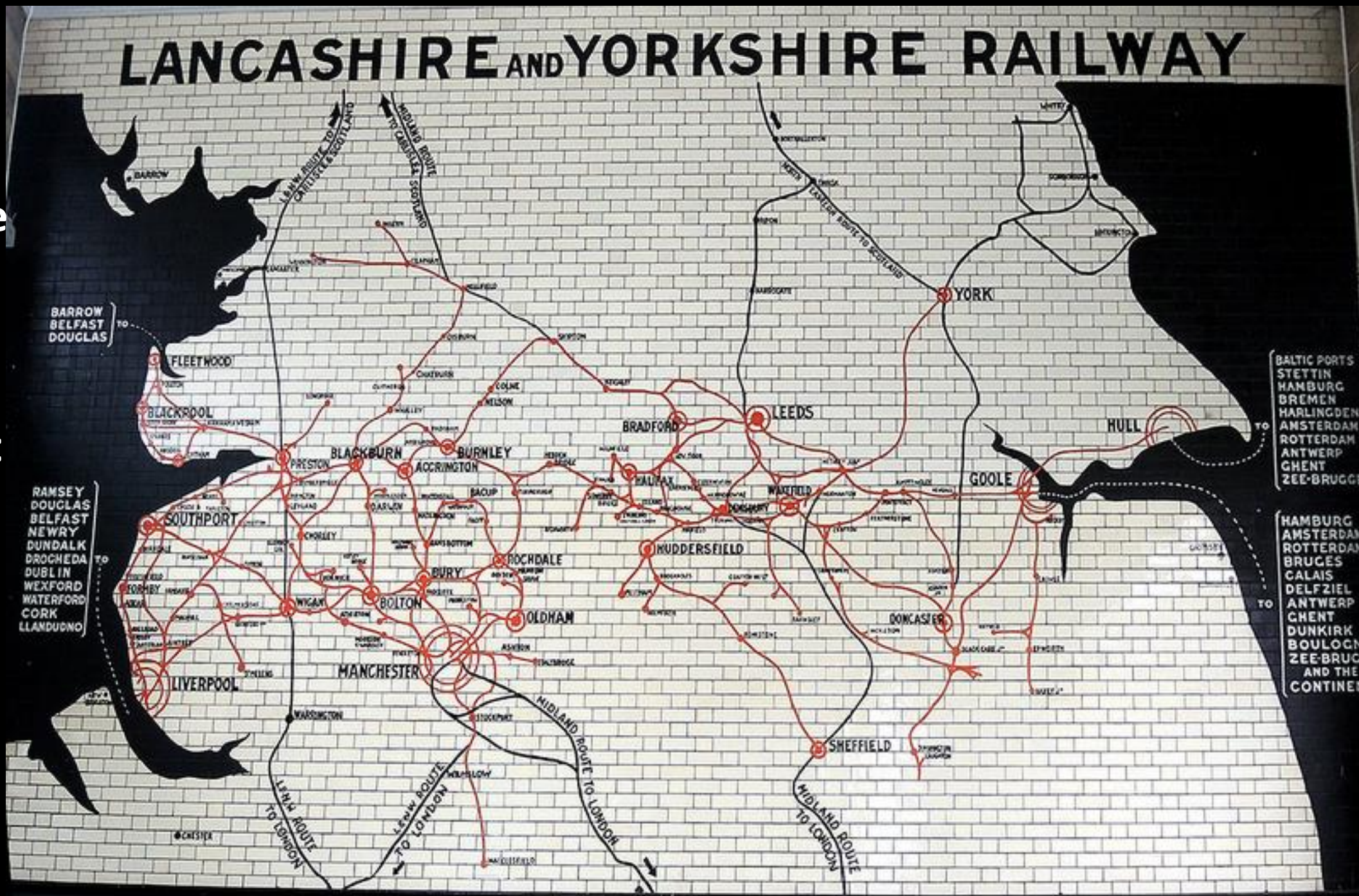
THIS IS THE
WHOSE

1862

1862

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE RAILWAY

“Amateur” additions to this map have been left in place as a reminder of how different influences have shaped the look of the station over time.





One of the options for the old offices at the front of the station is to convert to an hotel.



LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE RAILWAY

VICTORIA STATION



LEEDS

HARROGATE

BRADFORD

PLAY
NOW

The Soldier's Gate

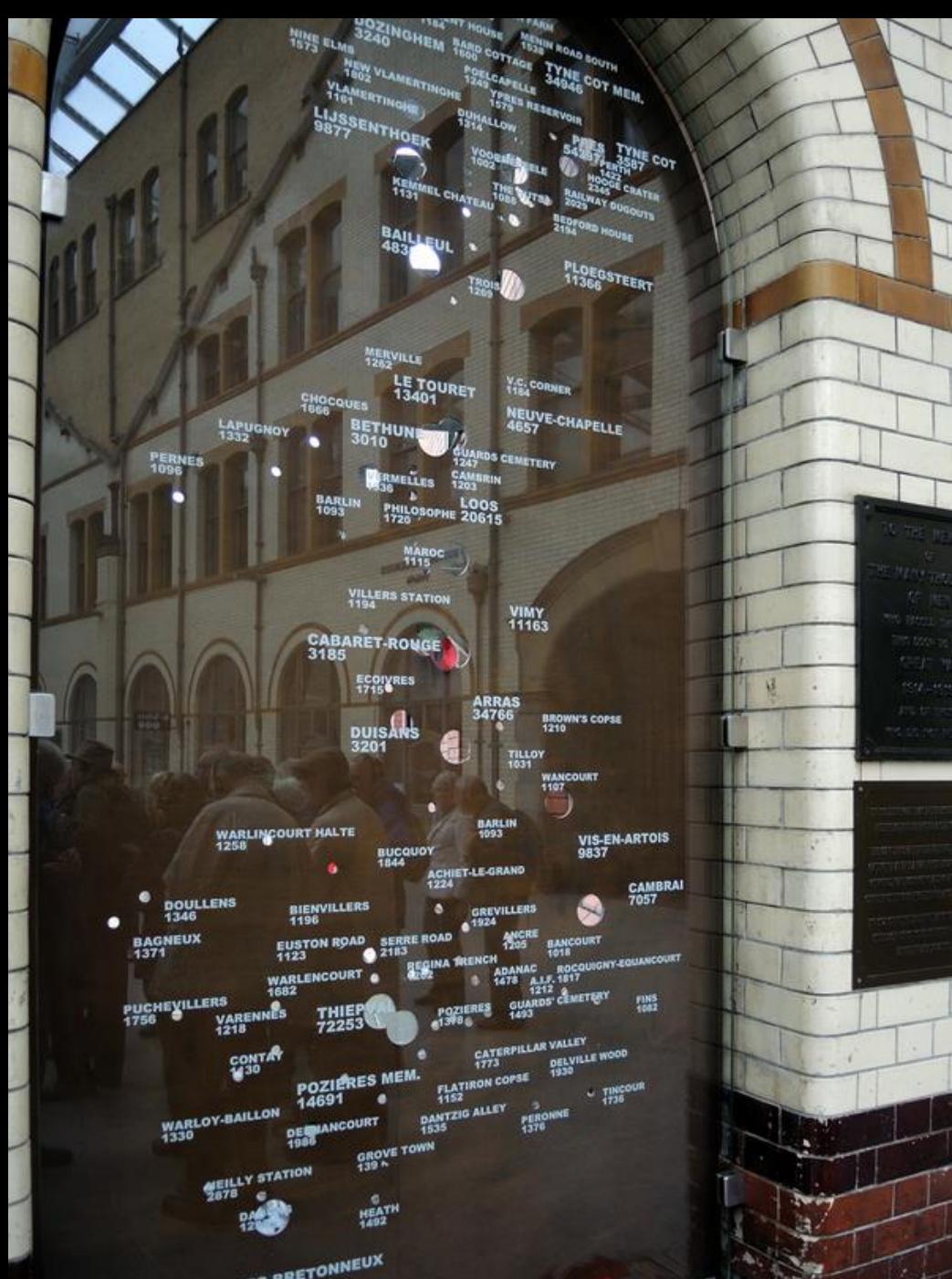
The stone across which the soldiers walked has been kept and a new commemorative feature has been incorporated into the gate. The contemporary insertion into the original gateway which locates the sites of World War I Commonwealth grave sites and cemeteries through Northern France and Belgium. Each is marked by a hole made through the door. The relative sizes of the individual penetrations through the steel corresponds to the numbers of fallen who are buried at each location.







1844
ACHIET-LE-GRAND 1224
VIS-EN-ARTOIS 9837
CAMBRAI 7057
GREVILLERS 1924
BIENVILLERS 1198
BAGNEUX 1371
EUSTON ROAD 1123
SERRE ROAD 2183
ANCRE 1205
WARLENCOURT 1682
REGINA TRENCH 1202
BANCOURT 1018
PUCHEVILLERS 1796
VARENNES 1218
THIEPVAN 72253
ADAMAC 1478
A.I.F. 1817
1212
POZIERES 1378
GUARDS' CEMETERY 1493
FINIS 1682
CONTAY 1130
CATERPILLAR VALLEY 1773
POZIERES MEM. 14691
WARLOY-BAILLON 1330
FLATIRON COPSE 1152
DELVILLE WOOD 1930
DERNANCOURT 1986
DANTZIG ALLEY 1535
PERONNE 1376
TINCOUR 1736
GROVE TOWN 139
HEATH 1492
HEILLY STATION 2696
DAUL 1225
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX 10737



A reminder of the recent suicide bombing at the nearby arena.



22.05.2017

Thank you for your tributes.

All toys will be donated to childrens' charities and all flowers, cards and messages will be shared with the families of those who tragically lost their lives on 22 May.



We will remember you

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Robin checks the time of the train back to Leeds whilst others return the tour guide receivers at the end of our trip.



